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In re Application of
FRANCISCO MORALES SERRANO ET AL PHD99112
Serial No. 09/652,934 Group Art Unit: 3252
Filed: august 31, 2000 Examiner: M. BUDD
PIEXOELCTRIC DRIVE DEVICE

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT TECHNOLOGY CENTER R3700

Sir:

This is responsive to the Office Action dated October 1, 2002.

Election of species is required between the species of Figs. 3-5, CD drive apparatus, claim 10 as Species I; and Fig. 6, shaving device, claim 9 as Species II.

Responsive thereto, applicant elects to prosecute the species of Fig. 6, said election being made without traverse.

Claim 1 is generic and Claims 2-9 are readable on the elected species.

Notwithstanding the election without traverse, reconsideration and withdrawal of the restriction requirement is respectfully requested.

The claims define related inventions that are not patentably distinct, will not require separate searches and will impose no additional burden on the PTO if examined together. Adherence to

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the requirement will unnecessarily burden Applicant with the unnecessary expense and costs associated with multiple applications and the maintenance of multiple patents. It is therefore requested that the restriction requirement be waived and the inventions joined in this application.

Favorable reconsideration and withdrawal of the restriction requirement is therefore respectfully requested.

It is submitted that this application is in condition for an action on the merits and allowance. An early allowance of all of the claims and issuance is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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